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The USDA, NASS, Florida Field office will release the preliminary results of the 2009 Commercial Citrus Inventory on September 18, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. EDT. The publication of this first annual survey will include all citrus acreage and trees by variety and year set ranges. Acreage and tree numbers by county and variety will include comparisons to the three previous biennial censuses. Beginning in 2009, the field work is being divided over the two year period with groves in the northern half of each township visited in odd years and those in the southern half visited in even years. Additional work will be performed as time permits. This plan will permit a more thorough survey of the groves and provide updated information to be published on an annual basis each September.

For more information about the Commercial Tree Inventory publications, visit <a href="www.nass.usda.gov/fl">www.nass.usda.gov/fl</a> and select citrus publications.